

Wednesday 14th October No 31

Dear Parents / Guardians

This week we have exciting news regarding the school website. The current website has been well overdue for an overhaul. The school leadership team, staff and Stewart Johnson (Parent/School Council Vice President) have been working to update the Hillsmeade Primary School website to reflect the school's current direction and initiatives. The site is going to be online in the next few weeks. Initially the site will provide a snapshot of the school and its programs. In 2016 the site will continue to grow and reflect the needs of the school and Hillsmeade community. The updated site will provide families with a monthly calendar of school events and links to recent posts.

The school will notify families when the updated website is online and accessible. We encourage all families to browse the site and welcome feedback and ideas to further improve our 'window' to the world. We would like to thank Stewart for his support and time to create and develop the new site.

Over the start of Term 4 the school has responded to many enrolment requests from prospective families. We have had a number of enquiries regarding school enrolment for this term and 2016. Prospective and new families have commented on the engagement of the students in their classrooms and the welcoming and friendly manner of our students and staff. Many of these families have mentioned that it was through positive comments from families within our school community about our school that contributed to their interest in Hillsmeade Primary School.

It was great to see our school community volunteers at the Parent Helpers Morning Tea today. The staff are very appreciative of the contributions and support of our 'helpers'. Thank you to the KidsMatter team for preparing the morning tea.

Enjoy the week!

Scott Clode
Assistant Principal
(stepping in for Deborah this week)

OCTOBER

16th

Lightning Prem.
Selected Students

NOVEMBER

2nd

Curriculum Day
NO STUDENTS

3rd

Cup Day Public
Holiday
NO STUDENTS

4th -6th

Grade 4 Camp

5th

School Tour 10am

6th

Grade 3 Incursion
History Box

9th

Prep Transition

10th

Grade 4 Incursion
Colonial Show

16th

Prep Transition

23rd

Prep Transition

30th

Prep Transition

It's cool to be at school

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee

Think Big, Dream Big

Bus Shopping Tour, Saturday 7th November – all day, leaves from school for a day of factory outlet shopping, including a sit down 2-course lunch; \$65 per person. Thanks to those that have paid their deposit & **its now time to pay the balance** at the office. **WE NOW HAVE 4 SEATS LEFT** so ring and book your seat. If you have a business you would like to advertise in our “goodie” bags, or an item for a raffle prize that advertises your business, (and you are a Hillsmeade parent), please contact Inez Crowe 0425 896 874.



Tuesdays at lunchtime we will continue to sell zooper doopers for \$1 and hot chocolates for \$1.50.

Please support our school sponsors who are:

L J Hooker Real Estate Casey Central, signs going up soon.

The Good Guys “Cranbourne Cash” incentive program. To take

advantage of this offer all you need to do is **advise your salesperson that you want Cranbourne Cash allocated to**

Hillsmeade P.S. Fundraising Committee. For further information regarding this program please contact Damien at The Good Guys Cranbourne on 5991 6000. Email:

promotions016@thegoodguys.com.au



Notices Sent Home:

- Grade 3 History Box Incursion
- Kelly Sports

NOTICE DUE BACK :

- Grade 4 History The Colonial Show due 27/10
- Grade 3 History Box Incursion due 4/11

GRADE 4 CAMP

Camp is on November 4th-6th
Balance of camp money must be paid
**NO LATER THAN 30th
October.**



Hillsmeade Primary School 1 to 1 Laptop Program – Grade 5 Students 2016

Families with students in Year 4 will receive information flyer this week regarding the 1 to 1 Laptop program for 2016.

Can you please return the expression of interest form by **Friday 23, October.**

The Parent Information session will be held on **October 29th from 6-7pm at Hillsmeade PS.**

If you have any questions in the meantime please contact Scott Clode (Assistant Principal).

BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 brochures of book club are now out, and they are filled with some great books. Christmas is fast approaching and now is a good time to start your Christmas shopping. Children love owning their own books, so consider a book from Book Club as a fabulous present.

If you would like to give your child a book as a surprise, you can attach a note to the book club order form, with your name and contact number stating that it is for a gift and I can hold it for you for collection from the front office. If you are using the loop option and would like it as a gift, you will need to write a note with the above information and hand it to the office ladies, who will pass on your request on to me.

SCHOLASTIC HAVE CHANGED SOME OF THEIR PURCHASE OPTIONS

CREDIT CARD – USING LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment system. www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP You can now order and pay for your Book Club online. You must know your child's grade and teacher name to be able to use this option. You do not send anything to school. The order will be delivered to school. It is very easy to use!

Cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia or cash (which must be the correct amount). If you use this option, you must still fill out the order form and return it to school. Fill out the order form, with the child's name and grade on the top and put it in an envelope along with the **CORRECT MONEY** (cash or cheque) and mark the envelope **BOOK CLUB** with the child's name and grade as well. Please **do not** include any monies for other fundraising or school events in this envelope.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE STUDENTS NAME AND GRADE IS WRITTEN ON THE TOP OF EVERY ORDER FORM. ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF THERE IS NO NAME ON THE ORDER FORM.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE DUE BACK ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN.

For your information, it takes approximately 2 weeks, after the order has been sent to Scholastic, (in Sydney), for the books to be delivered

HILLSMEADE HEROES

Jake Ellerton, Tahlia Dauer, Alexandria Johnson, A,ira Fawazdeen, Olivia Mayworth, Meiky Segundo, Connor Birlleson, Mia Jenkin, Connor Johnson, Ivana Pavasovic, Devmini Bandara, Kezia Lunardi, Wiremu Amaru, Abhishek Modgil, Gulpreet Arora, Mustafa Shakar Khan, Tempest Siaea, Aadir Nota, Taylor Houndsome, Zac Bounsall, Onadi Ganegoda, Lucas Lappin, Ahmad Reza, Asha Birlleson, Ricky Dobson, Jett Ansell, Charley Sellars, Connor Birlleson, Mia Jenkin, Alexandria Johnson, Amra Fawazdeen, Ethan Ky, Tayyeba Shafahi, Jordan Horkins, Sarah-Jane Tatt, Andrew Sourbutts, Mason Burns

McDONALD'S HOOP TIME GRADE 4 REGIONAL HOOPTIME



Both our AllStar boys and AllStar girls basketball teams in Grade 4 won the right to represent Hillsmeade at the McDonald's HoopTime Regional Finals in Dandenong last week. It was such a successful day with both teams gaining great exposure and amazing experience at such a high level of competition. Congratulations to the following students: Cedric Babet-Pyndiah, Natasha Coldebella, Tyra Feldman, Hailee Geddes, Charlee Hulme, Nath Humphreys, Charlotte Lawrie, Dakota Mayworm, Joel McConchie, Matthew Nelson, Tyler Paltridge, Josh Quinn, Caden Robbie, Daylan Van Sanden and Jacinta Vigilante for an outstanding effort and a special thankyou to Mrs Bray for giving up her time to coach the boys team.

Ms Szalek.



Grade 6 Alkira Science Excursion:

- 6A 21st October
- 6B 28th October
- 6C 4th November
- 6D 11th November
- 6E 18th November



Please return permission slips no later than 2 days before visit date. There is no cost for this excursion

Coaching Corner: Encouraging Words

Do you ever feel as though at moments in time, the only conversations that you seem to have with your child are direct orders? “Clean your room”, “Take out the rubbish”, “Clear the table”, “Get ready for school”, “Pack your bag”.... A more influential model of preventing ‘bad’ behaviour, however, is to afford encouraging words to support good behaviour when you see it.

Furthermore, true encouraging words focus on the deed not the doer. A hurried, ‘good job’, doesn’t cut it – nor does “good boy”, “you’re so smart!”, or “you’re the best on the team!” Rather children need to be motivated internally to display comparable forthcoming positive behaviour, and to value things like hard work, improvement, teamwork and perseverance.

Encouraging words can be as simple as, “You really worked hard”, “Thanks for your help”, or “I love being with you”. The best part is the smiles you see on your children’s faces when they begin to recognise the positive choices that you are noticing. “You really worked hard”, acknowledges your child’s efforts, whereas, “You’re so smart!” may be more difficult for your child to live up to next time.

Kelly Utting
Teaching and Learning Coach



No dogs allowed in school grounds Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm.

Refer to “The Link” dated 17th June, 2015 when this motion was passed at School Council.



VISITING SCHOOL NURSE.

Selina Tung visiting school nurse from Dept. of Education and Training is doing Prep assessments for vision, hearing and other health related learning issues from 13/10/15—21/10/15. Please complete the School Entrant Health Questionnaires for Preps. Referral form available at the office for other grades if you want your child to be assessed.



MUSIC LESSONS:

Private lessons are now available for keyboard/vocal/drum and guitar . Please see the office or Mrs Scott for an enrolment form.



ATTENDANCE AT HILLSMEADE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2016

My children, listed below **WILL NOT** be returning to Hillsmeade in 2016.

(This does not apply to Grade 6 students)

_____ Current Grade 2015
 _____ Current Grade 2015
 _____ Current Grade 2015
 _____ Current Grade 2015

(PLEASE PRINT)

Parents Signature _____



Please indicate which school they will be attending.

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HILLSMEADE VISION STATEMENT

Hillsmeade Primary School is a warm, friendly and diverse learning community where students have opportunities to learn in a manner that is personalised and caters for their interests, needs and strengths. We strive to prepare our students and families for a life of continual learning and we pride ourselves on our unique learning environments. We aim for Hillsmeade students to investigate, communicate and become lifelong learners with curious minds and a bright future.